

After April 1, 1988, semen must be from boars that have an index of 100 or more under the federal-provincial Swine ROP program (or equivalent testing program).

6. Rodent Control Grant

A grant of \$250 per year will be paid to producers on the completion of a 12 month, rodent-control program by a professional licensed exterminator.

7. Private Veterinary Herd Health Program

A grant of \$200 per year is available. Producers must have a herd health program supervised by a private veterinarian. At least four consultative visits per year must be made. These should be made quarterly.

8. Education Grant

A grant of up to \$100 to cover 50 per cent of the tuition fees for ministry-approved courses is available annually.

9. Feed Analysis

Two feed analysis vouchers are provided free by the ministry annually. Vouchers for a Type III analysis will be mailed directly to enrolled producers. Assistance with ration formulation is available through local ministry offices.

10. Herd Health Improvement Grant

A grant of up to \$10,000 is available to assist eligible producers; (i) to establish a primary herd, or maintain a closed herd, classified "Excellent" under the Ontario Swine Herd Health Policy (OSHHHP), and; (ii) to depopulate and restock their herds with pigs of improved health status through the use of caesarean section, embryo transfer, or the purchase of pigs from a closed herd classified "Excellent" under OSHHP.

Where pigs for restocking are purchased from a "Good" herd, or where a closed "Good" herd is being maintained, the maximum grant is \$5,000.

**ANIMALS FOR RESTOCKING MUST BE PERFORMANCE TESTED.**

**BEFORE STARTING THE PROCESS,**

**PRODUCERS MUST CONTACT OMAF**

**VETERINARIANS INVOLVED WITH THE**

**ONTARIO SWINE HERD HEALTH POLICY**

THROUGH THE LOCAL MINISTRY OFFICE  
OR TELEPHONE GUELPH - 519-824-4120,  
EXT 4805.

## RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Grants not to exceed \$5,000,000 during the course of the plan will be made available for specific swine research and development projects in addition to swine research programs currently sponsored by the Ontario government.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This brochure outlines in general terms, the Ontario Pork Industry Improvement Plan. For further information please contact the local office of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

## ADVISORY COMMITTEE

An advisory committee has been established to assist the ministry in developing the details of the Ontario Pork Industry Improvement Plan and to serve in an advisory capacity for the administration and operation of the plan during the five-year period. Its members are drawn from various sectors of the industry to provide a balanced and effective approach to delivery of the plan.

### Chairman

Dr. J.C. Rennie, Assistant Deputy Minister  
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## INTRODUCTION\*

The Ontario pork industry is an important part of the agricultural sector, providing high quality food for domestic needs and for the export market.

The Ontario Pork Industry Improvement Plan was introduced to improve the competitive position of Ontario producers and encourage improvements in the production and financial management areas of individual operations.

Areas being stressed include: record keeping, enterprise analysis, improvement to capital facilities, breeding, and herd health. This five-year plan is effective from April 1, 1986, to March 31, 1991.

## ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for the Ontario Pork Industry Improvement Plan, producers must:

- have a principal residence in Ontario.
- own or lease facilities in Ontario for pork production (lessees are eligible if they have a written lease with the owner); facilities may include land and/or buildings.
- have at least 20 sow equivalents. One sow equivalent is equal to one sow or 15 market weight hogs marketed annually.
- complete and submit required production records.
- use boars that have an index of 100 or more under the federal-provincial Swine ROP program (or equivalent testing program) for replacement sires and A.I. sires after April 1, 1988.

Partnerships and corporations are limited to the same maximum grant as individual farmers.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Enrolment forms are available at local Ministry of Agriculture and Food offices. After enrolments are processed, producers will receive enrolment numbers, production record forms and application forms for incentive grants.

Grant applications must be submitted to the local office of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food and be accompanied by itemized receipts, indicating payment has

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been made in full.

Local capital grants inspectors will verify improvements or equipment purchased.

## PLAN BENEFITS AVAILABLE

### 1. Swine Production Analysis Grant

A grant of \$5 per sow equivalent will be available annually. The maximum grant for finishing operations will be \$200 and, for farrowing and farrow-to-finish operations, the minimum will be \$200 and the maximum \$500.

Producers wishing to take part in the Ontario Pork Industry Improvement Plan must submit monthly production records every quarter. Producers must submit information on purchases, sales, production and inventories. A confidential computer report will be compiled for each producer from these records. Ministry staff will be available to interpret the results. Producers will receive the annual grant when they have submitted production records for one calendar year.

*The exception is in the year of enrolment when production records are required in the quarter of enrolment or the following quarter.*

Pocket diaries, to record all the information required on the quarterly production record forms, are available from Ministry offices.

Producers will be eligible to receive the other grants available under the plan after submission of records for one quarter. To maintain eligibility, producers must continue to submit production records on a quarterly basis.

### 2. Enterprise Analysis Grant

A grant of \$100 per year is available to a producer who supplies financial records annually in an approved format to the ministry for enterprise analysis.

Ministry staff are available to assist in interpreting results.

Producers will receive a confidential computer business analysis which will identify the strengths and weaknesses of the farm business.

The analysis can be used to monitor changes, over time, within the farm business and can also be used to compare the farm's performance against the average of others in the same type of enterprise.

### 3. Swine Ventilation Grant

A grant of two-thirds of the cost of ventilation materials is available to correct ventilation problems to a maximum of \$1500 during the course of the plan.

Producers must provide a written explanation of their ventilation problem.

Eligible items include: fans, thermostats, heat exchangers, insulation materials, air vents, materials for natural ventilation, recirculation systems, heaters, monitoring equipment, electrical wiring for ventilation systems and cooling equipment.

OMAF agricultural engineers are available for consultation on ventilation systems. Materials and equipment may be new or used and must be supported by itemized receipts.

### 4. Productivity and Quality Improvement Grant

- A grant of two-thirds of the cost of materials is available.

Eligible projects include:

- scales for weighing pigs or feed,
- swine loading facilities,
- high pressure washers,
- electronic pregnancy detection equipment,
- material for rodent control barriers,
- caesarean section or embryo transfer facilities on the farm,
- slatted floors in farrowing pens.

Materials and equipment may be new or used and must be supported by itemized receipts.

### 5. Artificial Insemination Grant

A grant of one-third of the cost up to \$500 per year is available. The cost of and commercial transportation charges for fresh or frozen swine semen and the cost of an OMAF approved swine A.I. training course are eligible for the grant.

Semen must be purchased from a licensed Ontario Swine A.I. Unit.